# IMMANUEL'S

MESSENGER

MAY 2023

## What is Happening this Month at Immanuel



Austin James Bartelt, son of Richard & Katie Bartelt
Nayeli Calzada Chairez, daughter of Sirila Chairez
Julienn Steven Riedl, son of Matthew & Caity Berndt
Madilyn 'Mimi' Rhi Stivarius, daughter of Ben & Rhiannon Stivarius
Teagen John Stivarius, son of Ben & Rhiannon Stivarius
Charles Mark Sukow, son of Kevin & Jennie Sukow

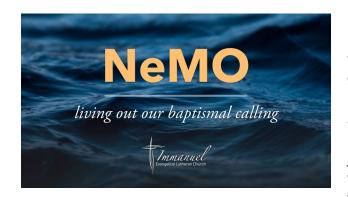


## Rachel's Day - May 14, 2023 Women boldly standing for children

We will be commemorating Rachel's Day on Mother's Day.

In Jeremiah 31:15-17, Rachel grieved for her children. "Rachel's Day" is a time to mourn the loss of our children to gun violence and to renounce forces of violence and fear. The original focus of Rachel's Day was and still is to shine a light on gun violence and gun deaths, especially among children and youth. Rachel's lamentation can become the resolve to say "Enough is Enough." Rachel refused to be comforted, and scripture implies her weeping went on for a long time. Many may believe that gun violence is part of our culture, and we can do nothing about it. But Rachel was not deterred. Her actions bore witness to the urgency and gravity of the situation and the need to take action.

Immanuel's WELCA knows ending violence is a difficult challenge. As mothers we want all children safe. On Mother's Day we will remember all children, have the opportunity to advocate for them by writing postcards to our elected leaders regarding gun violence in our communities, and collect a Noisy Offering for PAVE in Beaver Dam. PAVE provides shelter, advocacy, counseling, and more for people who experience domestic and sexual violence.



## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION June 4 after worship service

We will have our next new member orientation after the 9am service on June 4th. We will be contacting new potential members that we are aware of at this time. If you are interested in finding out more about Immanuel contact us at 920-261-1663 or email

jshackley.immanuel@gmail.com. If this date doesn't work for the majority of people we might change the date. We will keep you updated.





**Immanuel's Quilter's** have been busy this year. So far they have made a total of 70 quilt's for Lutheran World Relief. They have lots of fabric to work with but are always looking for more people to join them. Nothing fancy, just help tie knots & a couple hours of meeting new people!



AN EFFORT TO SUPPORT AREA SENIORS LIVING WITH DEMENTIA, ALZHEIMER'S, AND AGING CHALLENGES, AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

### **FREE EVENT!**

WED, MAY 10, 2023
3:00 - 7:00 PM
WATERTOWN SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER



Worship & Music wants to thank everyone that donated money for the flower display and those that helped decorate for our Easter services this year.

Below are Jeff & Collin Travis after the cross was put up on the altar.



**Immanuel's Faithful Men** are going out again to share their joy of music with others.

Thursday, April 13th they went to Shorehaven in Oconomowoc. They hope to continue more visiting this summer.





#### FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

#### 2023 First Communion Class

Rylan Matthew Berndt Alaina Grace Chairez Aiden Joseph Floyd Isabella Rose Marie Galston Caleb Henry Grochowske Aleece Juliet Reyna Preston Avery Schmidt





## GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Immanuel will honor their College and High School Graduates at the JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> 9am service (summer schedule; only 1 service Sunday).

We would appreciate a photo - graduation or childhood - of your graduating student. Please send photo(s) to jshackley.immanuel@gmail.com.

Call/text Ruth Mack with questions at 920-988-4002.

And, please reply to this question:

IS YOUR CHILD (name)
GRADUATING IN 2023?

#### Results of the First Annual Penny Challenge Sunday School Students vs Congregation

Sunday School 29,251 points
A-L 16,006 points
M-Z 13,115 points

Total Money raised: \$658.17

#### **Immanuel's 150th Anniversary**

Mark your calendars NOW for **January 2025** when we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our congregation.

Did you know . . . The first year's we rented the "Welsh Church" (building now a residence) for \$5.50 a month and held 2 services there every Sunday.

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!



## MONTHLY REPORTS March 2023

#### **Hometown Mission Fund**

| Beginning balance: 02/28/2023 | \$ 413.74 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Deposits                      | \$ 125.00 |
| 1 check(s) written            | \$ 160.00 |
| Service fees                  | \$ 2.95   |
| Ending balance 03/30/2023     | \$ 374.79 |

19 contacts made in March 1 family was provided assistance

#### **Community Laundry**

| Beginning balance: 03/01/2023 | \$ 2,016.89        |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Deposits                      | \$ 0.00            |
| Interest                      | \$ 0.05            |
| MINUS Operating Cost          | - <u>\$ 508.00</u> |
| Ending balance 03/31/2023     | \$ 1,508.94        |
| Bank Balance 03/31/2023       | \$ 1,192.69        |
| Loose Cash on Hand 03/31/2023 | \$ 316.25          |
|                               | \$ 1,508.94        |

132 families served in March (16 repeat) 109 washer loads - 143 dryer loads

#### **Personal Essentials Pantry**

| Beginning balance: 03/01/2023 | \$ 8,932.12 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| March Deposits                | \$ 632.39   |
| March Purchases               | \$ 167.50   |
| Ending balance 03/31/2023     | \$ 9,397.01 |



#### **SCHEDULE FOR MAY...**

- 4 Lake Mills Bank
- 11 Christ United Methodist
- 18 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- 25 St. Bernard's Catholic Church

#### **Bread & Roses - March Report**

| Beginning Balance 03/01/2023      | \$ 3,706.28 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| March Deposit                     | \$ 581.40   |
| March Expenses                    | \$ 125.82   |
| Ending Balance 03/31/2023         | \$ 4,161.86 |
| Savings Balance: 03/31/2023       | \$ 3,541.91 |
| Guests Served: 03/01 - 03/31/2023 | 1,171       |

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, May 16 from 11-12

Support group for those who have experienced loss and grief, whether loss of a loved one or another type of loss, recent or from years ago. All are welcome.

## Noisy Offering

Mission & Outreach will coordinate the Noisy Offering schedule. We will <u>always</u> (most usually) have the Noisy Offering on the 3rd weekend of each month. If your group is interested in having a weekend set aside please contact a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.



May 14-15, our Noisy Offering will go towards Rachel's Day. We recognize Mother's Day each year as Rachel's Day based on Jeremiah 31:15-17 where in Rachel grieved for her children, to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of evil and fear that plague our nation. Money collected this weekend will be sent to our synod to help with projects involving all children. Start saving your change for this worthy project!

#### **Membership Report - March 2023**

#### Worship Attendance:

|            | 8:00 | 10:30 | 6:30 | 9 am /  |       |         |                               |
|------------|------|-------|------|---------|-------|---------|-------------------------------|
|            | am   | am    | рm   | Special | Total | Average | Info/Service                  |
| 2023       |      |       |      |         |       |         |                               |
| Mar. 1     |      |       | 58   |         | 58    | 58      | 2nd wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 5/6   | 67   | 54    | 20   |         | 141   | 47      |                               |
| Mar. 8     |      |       | 35   |         | 35    | 35      | 3rd wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 12/13 | 51   | 54    | 20   |         | 125   | 42      |                               |
| Mar. 15    |      |       | 39   |         | 39    | 39      | 4th wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 19/20 | 78   | 74    | 18   |         | 170   | 57      |                               |
| Mar. 22    |      |       | 29   |         | 29    | 29      | 5th wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 26/27 | 97   | 104   | 20   |         | 221   | 74      | (baptism at 10:30)            |
| Mar. 29    |      |       | 29   |         | 29    | 29      | 6th wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Totals     | 293  | 286   | 268  |         | 847   |         |                               |
|            |      |       |      |         |       |         |                               |
| 2022       |      |       |      |         |       |         |                               |
| Mar. 2     |      | 42    | 77   |         | 119   | 60      | Ash Wednesday 11 am & 6:30 pm |
| Mar. 6/7   | 42   | 31    | 18   |         | 91    | 30      |                               |
| Mar. 9     |      |       | 25   |         | 25    |         | 2nd wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 13/14 | 60   | 36    | 14   |         | 110   | 37      |                               |
| Mar. 16    |      |       | 38   |         | 38    |         | 3rd wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 20/21 | 72   | 40    | 17   |         | 129   | 43      |                               |
| Mar. 23    |      |       | 32   |         |       |         | 4th wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Mar. 27/28 | 56   | 33    | 19   |         | 108   | 36      |                               |
| Mar. 30    |      |       | 38   |         |       |         | 5th wk of Lent 6:30           |
| Totals     | 230  | 182   | 278  | 0       | 690   |         |                               |

**Baptisms:** 

Rylee Marie Peters, March 26, 2023

Baptized: 833\* Confirmed: 697\*

\*These are the numbers that are available through our current membership software.

#### Member(s) Released/Transferred:

Dick & Roxanne Rollefson have transferred to Our Savior's Lutheran in Oconomowoc, 03/06/2023

Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch - We will be going to Bigg's Bar & Grill, located at 1217 River Dr. on May 23rd at 11:30am. Call the church office for a reservation & meet at Bigg's for a great lunch.

#### W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, May 3 @ 10:00am

Quilter's are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on:

Tuesday, May 2; Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 25

#### **Bible Circles**

Our Bible Circles continue to meet; you are welcome to visit either group.

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 4:00pm in the Youth Room.

Sarah Circle will meet Thursday, May 18th at 9:30am in the Conference Room

#### **Treasurer's Report - March 2023**

#### **Actual Weekly Income**

|           | General                     | Debt<br>Retirement | Building<br>Offering | Mission<br>Support | Other<br>Budgetary<br>Designated | Capital<br>Campaign | Other<br>Designated | Total     |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 3/5       | 10,805.50                   |                    | 170.00               | 125.00             | 620.00                           | 1,107.00            | 147.00              | 12,974.50 |
| 3/12      | 3,293.50                    |                    | 55.00                | 20.00              | 295.00                           | 1,000.00            | 630.00              | 5,293.50  |
| 3/19      | 9,993.32                    |                    | 55.00                | 20.00              | 8.00                             | 1,005.00            | 715.41              | 11,796.73 |
| 3/26      | 4,651.00                    | <del></del>        | 65.00                | 30.00              | 230.00                           | 910.00              | 1,585.54            | 7,471.54  |
| TOTALS:   | 28,743.32                   |                    | 345.00               | 195.00             | 1,153.00                         | 4,022.00            | 3,077.95            | 37,536.27 |
|           | Date GENERA<br>eeds (Week # | •                  | \$92,                | 047.00             | Actual                           | Actual \$105,419.21 |                     |           |
|           | -Date CAPITA<br>udget Needs |                    | \$75,                | 00.00              | Actual \$74,844.00               |                     |                     |           |
| Year-to-D | ate OTHER I                 | Designated         |                      |                    | \$5,874.97                       |                     |                     |           |

**Loan Expenses:** Short-term loan: \$ 0.00

Immanuel's Promise: Loan Balance: \$1,213,218.18

#### **Memorials:**

Virginia Fries: Hometown-\$25.00; Capital Campaign-\$25.00

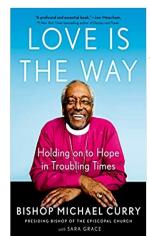
Virginia Tiffany: Capital Campaign-\$20.00

#### Honorarium:

## IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB Wednesday, May 17th - 1:00pm



Do you enjoy reading a good book? Would you like to discuss what you've read with others? Then we're the group for you! Immanuel's Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in the Youth Room at church. Our next meeting is on May 17 and we will be discussing *The Interesting* by Meg Wolitzer. This is a novel about six teenagers at a summer camp for the arts. They become inseparable. The novel follows them through middle age where changes are sometimes inevitable. The book is available through the public library. Join us!



Pastor Carina would like to invite you all to consider joining a book study of Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church <u>Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times</u>.

This will be a four-week study with fellowship time. Call the office to reserve a copy of the book.

We are planning to meet the following Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. May 31, June 7, 14, 21. Location TBD.

#### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

- Leah Klotz
   Patricia Benzel
   Heidi Graf
   Joyce Daevel
   Harriet Daley
- 4 Harriet Daley5 Rita Argus5 Bristol Kumbier
- 6 Mark Peterson7 Wayne Gerber7 Hoyden Sahmie
- 7 Hayden Schmidt7 Zackery Umland8 Jodi Dabrowski
- 8 Mark Vette
  8 Connie Wolff
- 8 Samantha Zubke9 Sarah Stocks
- 10 Pamela Neis10 Zachary Schmidt
- 13 Nickolas Weihert
- 13 Julie Zwieg14 Neil Ebert
- 14 Dana Grosenick
- 16 John Himrich
- 16 Roland Jaeckel
- 16 Xay Yang17 Ella Foltz
- 18 Matthew Berndt
- 18 Jan Schmidt
- 19 Bronson Grinwald
- 19 Victor Miller
- 19 Dean Prestegaard

- 19 Wanda Udovich
- 20 John Polenski
- 20 Mason Triana
- 20 Clarence Zabel
- 21 Hannah Grochowske
- 21 Karen Gustafson
- 21 Hannah Jensen
- 21 David Morstad
- 21 Linnea Nagel
- 23 Isaac Jaeckel
- 23 John S. Jagler
- 23 Sue Schramm
- 23 Alex Schuett
- 23 Eliana Schuett
- 24 Roger Bergmann
- 25 Erline Adler
- 25 Ryan Olszewski
- 26 Bob Boxell
- 26 Randy Douglas
- 26 Karen Herritz
- 26 Jim Martin
- 27 Darcilla Moyer
- 28 Dillon Jacobson
- 28 Nora Sukow
- 29 Mike Prochaska
- 29 Lori Sjoberg
- 30 Dennis Justman
- 30 Benjamin Petersen
- 30 Julienn Riedl
- 30 Lauren Scholze
- 31 Ryan Bast



## Wedding Anniversaries!

- 4 Mel & Joann Teska
- 10 Jason & Kristen Korth
- 10 Victor & Dianne Nass-Krueger
- 12 Samantha & Cameron Field
- 13 Randy & Heidi Zechzer
- 16 Steve & Karey Lueck
- 17 Mike & Melissa Prochaska
- 18 Heather & Michael Young
- 19 Jason & Michelle Jaeckel
- 20 Curt & Janice Buss
- 21 Michael & Julie Gaugert
- 22 Carl Matson & Ann Nagel
- 22 Jeff & Kris Travis
- 24 Jim & Susan Daniels
- 25 Eric & Linnea Nagel
- 27 Matt & Jodie Wolff
- 28 Charlene & Keith Berg
- 28 Keith & Rita Lueck
- 30 Andy & Lauren Wheeler

If your date is missing, please call the office.

Ministers: All the people of Immanuel

Rev. Carina Schiltz, Pastor

Matt Stein, Director of Music Ministries

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## May 2023

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|--|---|--|---|--|-----|---|
|  | 1<br>10-12p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>5:15p Mission &<br>Outreach<br>6-8p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>6:30p Evening Worship | 2<br>9:00a Quilter's   | 3<br>10:00a W-ELCA<br>3:30p Confirmation<br>6:30p Faithful Men<br>7:15p Festival Choir                                | 4<br>6:00p Worship & Music                               | 5   | 6   |
| 7<br>8:00a Morning Worship<br>9:15a Education Hour<br>10:30a Blended Worship   | 8<br>10-12p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>5:00p Faith Formation<br>6-8p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>6:30p Evening Worship       | 9<br>6:00p Food Pantry<br>Spring Fling<br>@ Plattdeutscher   | 9:00a Quilter's 3-7p Senior Care Fair @ Wttn Senior Center 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir | 11<br>5:00p Properties in<br>Youth Room<br>6:00p Finance | 12  | 13<br>U.S. Postal Food Drive                                |
| 14 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour 9:15a Coffee Fellowship by W-ELCA 10:30a Blended Worship  Noisy Offering       | 15 10-12p ESL Classes Youth Room 6-8p ESL Classes Youth Room 6:30p Evening Worship  | 16 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Youth Room | 17 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 3:30p Confirmation 6:30p Faithful Men 7:15p Festival Choir                           | 18<br>9:30a Sarah Circle<br>Conference Room              | 19  | 20<br>Synod Assembly @<br>Evangelical Lutheran<br>Mt. Horeb |
| 21 8:00a Morning Worship 9:15a Education Hour LAST DAY OF CLASSES 10:30a Worship led by Confirmation Students & CONFIRMATION | 22<br>10-12p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>6-8p ESL Classes<br>Youth Room<br>6:30p Evening Worship                               | 23<br>11:30a I.L.L.B. at<br>Bigg's Bar & Grill   | 24<br>11:00a Staff Meeting<br>6:30p Faithful Men<br>7:15p Festival Choir  | 25<br>9:00a Quilter's                                    | 26  | 27  |
| 28<br>9:00a Morning Worship  | 29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed   | 30<br>4-6p Art Walk<br>Downtown  | 31<br>5:30p Pastor's Book<br>Study  |  |     |   |
|  | NO Food Pantry  |  |   |  |     |   |
|  | 6:30p Evening Worship   |  |   |  |     |   |

### CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

#### Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church Thursday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00pm Location: Youth Room

PRESENT: Andy Woodard, Bob Boxell, Ryan Lessner, Emily Lessner, Ruth Mack, Sue Weihert, DeWayne Roberson, the Rev. Carina Schiltz, Brian Konz, Sue Putra

ABSENT: Ryan Lessner

#### Call to Order

President DeWayne Roberson called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. A quorum was present.

#### **Opening Devotion**

Pastor Carina - Council thinking of 1-2 words - Values (come from your faith)

- Words shared: Kindness, Compassion, Empathy, Faithfulness, Truthfulness, Trust, Friendliness, Love

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

By: Ruth Mack, Second: Brian Konz — Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Vision Victories**

- Holy Week was beautiful and appreciated; emotional. Comment from a guest of the congregation wondering if Good Friday music was piped in sounded well done.
- Children singing with the adults on Palm Sunday. Kids felt they were part of it.
- Palm Sunday breakfast. Delicious and well-attended. Over 100 served. Confirmands were good help on Saturday.
- Palm Sunday bingo, Maundy Thursday, First Communion, Washing of the hands, Vigil, Easter Sunday.
- Faithful Men sang at Shorehaven

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Congregation Council meeting held on March 21, 2022.

By: Brian Konz, Second: Bob Boxell — Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Financial Report**

The Finance Committee reviewed the financial reports and recommends adoption.

<u>MOTION:</u> To accept the March 2023 Financial Report as presented. By: Sue Putra, Second: Sue Weihert — *Motion carried by voice vote*.

#### Membership Report

MOTION: To accept the March 2023 Membership Report.

By: Katie Bartelt, Second: Ruth Mack — Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Pastor's Report

Pastor submitted her report to council prior to the meeting. No questions.

#### **Committee Reports**

The council received written reports from most committees of the congregation via email prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, all reports will be on file in the church narthex.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Restroom Assist Rails**

- Required due to code. \$730/each x 4 (includes labor)
- **Motion** to accept bid from Maas Brother with contingency of 60 days Made by: Brian Konz, Second: Sue Putra *Motion carried by voice vote*.

Discussion - if not completed in 60 days, pursue alternate installation

#### Fire Dept. walk-through recommendations and completions

Council had no questions regarding updates and recommendations - update from Dawn provided to council

#### **Staff Evaluations Committee**

No report

#### **Parish Protection Plan**

• Possibly ready in May. Regarding children, youth and vulnerable adults.

#### Fellowship Hall repairs & damage

• Cost was in the area of \$8,000 for necessary repairs and replacement of parts. WELCA has financed some of the repairs. Endowment board will be discussing request for additional funds at June meeting.

#### **Endowment Fund questions**

#### **Listening Committee report**

• Wrapping up this Sunday, will present in May or June.

#### **New Business**

#### Police Department walk-through with Mark P., Pastor, & DeWayne

- Discussed no weapons in church, discussion with police department, discussed response time from police department
- Pastor and DeWayne shared what they learned from officer.
- Grant options may be available.
- No decisions being made tonight,
- 1. Nightlocks discussed cost, rationale, identified room(s) for safe room
- 2. 3M Bulletproof Security Film Windows in doors of church, discussed this safety feature
- 3. Greeters at unsecured doors during church services discussed greeter at entry door for Sunday School to let in children/parents (door locked)
- 4. Unsupervised areas

#### Security Cameras not operable - possible offer from WELCA

- WELCA has discussed this
- Discussed someone coming in to look at the cameras (C.S.)
- Other options shared Blink system

#### Audit Report 2022 - prepared by Kelly Braunschweig

- Discussed committee and timeline of audit
- Lisa, Evan and Doug are on audit committee this year. DeWayne will contact Lisa regarding audit report.

#### Return of Coffee Hours (proposal from Worship and Music)

- Sue shared history of coffee hours, WELCA hosted several coffee hours
- WELCA came up with 7 dates between now and end of summer, looking for hosts between two services, summer after 9:00 service
- Value of Coffee Hours Find people you don't know well

#### **Fundraisers and Leadership**

- Ruth Mack shared thoughts about 150th anniversary church directory
- Pastor Who are the people who can work on the Capitol Campaign to bring down the mortgage
  - ♦ Wondering about who can come together to fundraise/lead this
  - ♦ Discussion of large-scale fundraising options as a group

#### Calendar Review

5/9 Tuesday - Food Pantry Spring Fling

5/13 Saturday - U.S. Postal Food Drive

5/14 Sunday - Finance Committee 11:45 (will reschedule - Mother's Day)

5/16 Tuesday - Council Meeting - 6:00 PM

5/20 Saturday - Synod Assembly - Mt. Horeb

5/21 Sunday - Confirmation & Last Day of Sunday School

5/28 Sunday - Change to Summer Schedule (9:00)

#### **Closing Prayer**

The council meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

#### **Adjournment**

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

By: Andy Woodard, Second: Katie Bartelt — Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Lessner Secretary

#### **GIVING REMINDER:**

The opportunity continues for us to decrease the principal on our building loan through end of January 2024 before we begin a mortgage. Let's pay down the principal as much as possible together! This last month we paid only interest—let's work together to pay interest <u>AND</u> principal! Please consider giving to this effort now.

You can give online on our website, write a check, or use vanco or Venmo.

Thank you for your commitment to the present and future of Immanuel and the ministry we do for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### KEEP UP WITH IMMANUEL SERVICES IN ANY OF THE WAYS LISTED BELOW

**Cable Broadcast** 

Channel 985 & <u>WatertownTV.com</u> Tuesdays at 12:00p & 7:00p Sundays at 4:00p Web Site & YouTube:

watertownimmanuel.org/online worship

FaceBook:

facebook.com/watertownimmanuel

### PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

#### Hello, friends in Christ!

I'd like to invite us back to Maundy Thursday when we heard Jesus share an old commandment with his disciples that he calls new: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34-35). During worship we participated in handwashing with the children and also wrote down how you strive to love as Jesus loved. Here's what you said.

#### -- Pastor Carina

Be a place where everyone feels welcome
Love people who are not easy to love
Be a safe place for victims to go
use natural resources carefully to minimize waste, so all
people may enjoy our world
I delivered food to my friends and wished them a Happy

Easter so they knew they were blessed freely accepting others no matter how different they may be from me. wanting the best for them and working for their benefit (justice)

pay attention to the needs and preservation of water and

forests foster inclusion, address microaggressions with intention

and love visit the lonely

smile

showing kindness and friendship

by listening helping others peace, be kind

treating others with respect and without preconceived judgment

I won't be quick to judge others

always forgive as God as taught us to forgive pray for our neighbors, help our neighbors

give generously to charity

be patient and forgiving, support each other and pray for each other

give food to those in need

taking care of those who have less than you share the blessings I have been given I shall practice agape love to those I meet be kind accept all unconditionally

help others in need not only monetarily but thru action share your gifts, feed and clothe those in need, love those that appear "unloved" by societal norms, be grateful, have empathy

providing a listening ear

teach love, kindness, and acceptance

by being friends with everyone and help them when they are in need

accept everyone and be kind to all

love without judgment

speaking kind words to all I meet each day

giving hugs to the elderly

read Bible each morning, help pay for other's meals

seeing people as God sees them first

be patient and forgiving, support each other and pray for

each other

reconnect with someone I haven't been in touch with for

years

I will visit a shut in, visit a neighbor

share with my family be nicer than I am

patience and understanding (find a way to understand) invite new people to join in some activities at Immanuel caring for family

taking food to those who are homebound, call those who

are alone

serve my church

be more understanding of my relatives

open the doors to let love in!

love everyone today and every day not just yourself, God

loves us all

do what I can for friend with 3rd cancer episode

serve Christ by helping the poor

try better to listen to other's opinions, opposite of mine show compassion, kindness and forgiveness to those we know and also strangers honor those who guide us and

give us strength

give to others generously unconditionally serve an Easter meal and serve food to others From the kids: God loved everyone in the earth "Love one another as I have loved you" John 13:1-17



## IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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